

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 11th January 2009

Webmaster Wanted

The role of the IRTS web site includes keeping members informed about local and international amateur radio activities, encouraging members to continue their membership and motivating potential members to join, promoting the activities of radio experimenters and the hobby of amateur radio.

Being a single source of information on matters of interest to Irish radio experimenters which would include, for example, club activities, contest results, repeater frequencies, band plans and forthcoming rallies.

The job of the Webmaster is to maintain and develop the web site so that it fulfils this role in an interesting and accessible way. IRTS is looking for applications for the position of Webmaster. Like all of the society's officer positions, this is a voluntary position.

Members interested in being appointed Webmaster should indicate their interest to the society's president Finbarr Buckley EI1CS ([buckleyf1 /at/ eircom.net](mailto:buckleyf1@eircom.net)) and demonstrate their web skills by supplying links to web sites or web pages which they have developed.

ENGINEERED...A WEEK OF WONDER!

Engineers Ireland will host a "week of wonder" for Primary and Post Primary students in February 2009. IRTS in collaboration with Engineers Ireland will run a number of workshops at Engineers Ireland's Dublin headquarters. These will consist of a two-hour, hands on, programme which will act as an introduction to communications and radio technology.

The Society also intends to package the programme so that clubs around the country will be able to run similar workshops. We have already approached a number of clubs and they have indicated their willingness to participate by running one or more workshops in their area. Engineers Ireland will provide clubs with local partners such as technical schools or libraries who are anxious to participate.

The Society would urge clubs to commit to becoming involved as soon as possible. There are obvious benefits for all involved. With the programme packs provided by the Society, clubs would need three or four personnel to run the workshop. If your

club or group are interested in helping out, contact Paul EI2CA on 087 2523908 or by email to paul /at/ comma.ie

Costa Rican Emergency Frequencies

On Thursday, January 8 at 1921z, an earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale struck the Central American country of Costa Rica. The earthquake, with an epicentre located about 22 miles northeast of San Jose. This Earthquake comes after a series of almost 60 seismic events that have rocked the country since early this week

The Radio Club de Costa Rica (RCCR) -- that country's IARU Member-Society -- is monitoring local repeaters and 7090 kHz.

IARU Region 2 Emergency Communications Coordinator Cesar Pio Santos,HR2P, requests that 7090 kHz be kept clear of non-essential traffic due to possible emergency communications dealing with the earthquake. The ARRL encourages all amateurs to be aware of the emergency operations on this frequency.

AREN Net

It is envisaged that the net on the 21st of the month will be a digital mode training net. Members without email access should contact John, EI7IG at 0868167310 for more details.

South Dublin Radio Club

The Club resumes its meeting schedule next Tuesday the 13th of January 2009. Further information from the club's website www.southdublinradioclub.com

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

The next meeting of the Society is on Wednesday next the 14th of January 2009 at 20.15, all are welcome to attend. More info from the website www.ei7dar.com

Rallies

15th February 2009 Coolmine Radio Rally,

The Coolmine Radio Rally, run by the Phoenix Radio Club will be held in the Coolmine Community School, Clonsilla Dublin 15 on Sunday 15th February 2009. Doors open 9.30 am for table bookings and information please contact Tony 087-2439997 or Tom 01-8211043 See map on www.coolminecs.ie/locationmap.php

DX News

HB9CRV has announced that as of December 31st, 2008, he is no longer the QSL manager of CT3BX. No new QSL Manager has been found and the logs are closed.

EA5GVH will be on the air from Aruba as P40PZ from January 12th to the 28th. He will operate 80 through 6 meters using SSB and the digital modes only. QSL via EA5GVH.

G3NKC, G4XUM and MD0CCE will be active as MD4K from the Isle of Mann during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest, on January 24-25. The trio will operate as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via G3NKC and be sure to include sufficient return postage with your QSL request.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, via e-mail to “charlie dot Carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418

News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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